

State of Michigan
State Board of Education

RESOLUTION

Elizabeth W. Bauer

WHEREAS, Elizabeth W. Bauer worked from August 1975 to August 1978 as a teacher consultant for special education in the School District of the City of Pontiac, responsible for identifying and creating educational placements for people with disabilities over the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, from August 1978 to October 1980, Elizabeth W. Bauer served as the Director of Training for the Michigan Department of Mental Health at its Plymouth Center for Human Development in Northville, directing that staff receive 120 hours of pre-service and 80 hours of in-service training, and building a training program that became the model of public mental health facilities in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, as the Administrator of the Developmental Disabilities Community Residential Services Division of the Michigan Department of Mental Health from October 1980 to July 1981, Elizabeth W. Bauer coordinated the effort of four Michigan Mental Health agencies to develop community-based residential services for persons with developmental disabilities in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb Counties; and

WHEREAS, since 1981, Elizabeth W. Bauer has served as Executive Director of the Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, a non-profit charitable organization designated to implement the protection and advocacy systems for people with developmental disabilities and mental illness, and HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, during her 26 years of public service, Elizabeth W. Bauer has tirelessly worked in the best interest of those individuals with disabilities who desperately need assistance in the areas of education, anti-discrimination, housing, recreation, health care, social security, and public accommodation; and

WHEREAS, as a testament to her dedication to protecting and advocating for people with developmental disabilities, mental illness, and HIV/AIDS, Elizabeth W. Bauer has ensured that more than 100,000 people with disabilities have achieved their objectives of protection from abuse and neglect, the right to a free and public education, and has made personal sacrifices to accommodate these goals; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth W. Bauer has informed the Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service and the citizens of Michigan that she will retire from her active and productive career of advocacy; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education receives with deep regret the news of the well-deserved retirement of this able and distinguished advocate for those who might not otherwise have a voice; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education extends to Elizabeth W. Bauer its highest regard and heartfelt gratitude for the dedication and expertise she has brought to the children, parents, and families of Michigan on whose behalf she has worked during her career to ensure they receive free and appropriate educations; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education expresses its fervent wish that Elizabeth W. Bauer enjoys many years of happiness, good health, and rewarding experiences during her years of retirement, and that she continues to be active in her community.



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Kathleen N. Straus, President

Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman